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Dear Sir:


Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant art as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 6,352,509 issued to Kawagishi et al. on March 5, 2002;
- B. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 974 931 published by the EPO on January 26, 2000;
- C. Jos R.T.C. Roelandt, "Three-dimensional echocardiography: the future today!", Computers and Graphics, Pergamon Press Ltd. Oxford, GB, Vol. 24, No. 5, October 2000, pp. 715-729;
- D. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 433 422 published by the EPO on June 30, 2004;
- E. U.S. Patent No. 6,342,889 issued to Callahan on January 29, 2002; and
- F. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0024516 issued to Yoshioka et al. on September 27, 2001.

The above-listed prior art A-F are cited in the Search Report dated October 6, 2004 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 04 00 2558 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

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